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Subject: Clean it up!

Dear EPA:

Thank you for requesting comments on the proposed clean-up plan for the Wyckoff property on Bainbridge Island. In short, you should clean this up as much as possible and do it without further delay. I have lived on Eagle Harbor since 2004, and this mess is still there, apparently without much happening in the way of cleaning it up. I know that the western part of the beach has been capped and is theoretically safe for human recreational use. But this lovely location should be a part of the Bainbridge Island's park system, not blocked off by cyclone fences and high metal walls.

Alternative 4 seems to me to be the best approach for returning the site to public use and enjoyment. I don't know if you are keeping that metal sea wall, but presumably it will not last forever, so when it is replaced with something more durable for the long run, probably concrete, the design should take into consideration measures that can make it more integrated with the surrounding habitat -- not just a stark wall. The Seattle seawall that is currently under construction may provide some ideas for making this more than just a barrier.

The access to this site is via a rather narrow roadway which is already heavily used. Measures should be included in the project to improve the roadway for pedestrian and bicycle use if the roadway is going to be used by cleanup traffic associated with the site. And since the state just spent a great deal of money attempting to re-establish an eelgrass bed not far offshore from the site, please pay particular attention to avoiding any activities that will jeopardize that eelgrass or any other in the area.

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